

What is claimed is:

1. A system for punching holes through a continuous film comprising:

a framework to facilitate transport of said continuous film;

an optical encoder mounted to a sensing roller; said sensing roller connected to a shaft and

said framework and rotated via contact with said transported continuous film;

a plurality of transport rollers connected to shafts and said framework; said rollers rotated via

contact with said transported continuous film;

software for signaling the punching of holes through said transported continuous film.

2. A method system for punching holes through a continuous film comprising:

determining a hole pattern to be punched through a continuously transported film;

determining a punching location for punching said determined hole pattern through said continuously transported film;

signaling the punching of said determined hole pattern through said continuously transported film at said determined punching location;

punching said determined hole pattern through said continuously transported film at said determined punching location.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said determining a punching location for punching said

determined hole pattern through said continuously transported film further comprises;

communication of a signal from an optical scanner to a computer; said signal indicating travel

measures of said continuously transported film;

5 analyzing said communicated travel measures;
6 signaling the punching of a determined hole pattern whenever said analyzed travel measures
7 reveal the presence of a punching location for punching said determined hole pattern through said
8 continuously transported film.

1 4. The method of claim 2 wherein said signaling the punching of said determined hole pattern
2 through said continuously transported film at said determined punch location further comprises the
3 signaling and punching of a variable hole pattern through said continuously transported film at said
4 determined punch location.

1 5. A computer program for punching holes through a transported continuous film comprising:
2 a code segment for determining an appropriate punching location for punching holes through
3 said continuously transported film;
4 a code segment for signaling the punching of said holes through said continuously transported
5 film at said appropriate punching location.

1 6. The computer program for punching holes through a transported continuous film according
2 to claim 5 wherein said inputting a pre-selected hole pattern to be punched through said continuously
3 transported film and further comprises the inputting and punching of a plurality of said pre-selected
4 hole patterns.

1 7. The computer program for punching holes through a transported continuous film according
2 to claim 5 wherein said determining an appropriate location for punching a hole pattern through said
3 continuously transported film further comprises:

4 repeated punching of said pre-selected hole pattern for subsequent punching operations
5 following first occasion of punching a hole pattern through said continuously transported film.

1 8. The computer program for punching holes through a transported continuous film according
2 to claim 7 wherein said inputting a pre-selected hole pattern to be punched through said continuously
3 transported film and further comprises the inputting and punching of a plurality of said pre-selected
4 hole patterns.

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19. An apparatus for punching holes through a transported continuous film comprising:
2 a framework,
3 a plurality of rollers attached to said framework;
4 an optical encoder attached to at least one roller within said plurality of rollers;
5 a punch assembly connected to said framework;
6 a solenoid valve connected to said punch assembly;
7 a compressed air source connected to said solenoid valve.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
2 a plurality of solenoid valves connected to a plurality of punch assemblies; said plurality of
3 punch assemblies connected to said framework;

4 a computer communicably attached to said apparatus for punching holes through a
5 transported continuous film.

1 11. A punched film produced according to the process of claim 2.

1 12. A punched film according to claim 11 wherein said film is essentially of polyethylene
2 composition.

1 13. A punched film according to claim 11 wherein said film is essentially of non-polyethylene
2 composition.

1 14. A punched film produced according to the process of claim 3.

1 15. A punched film produced according to the process of claim 4.